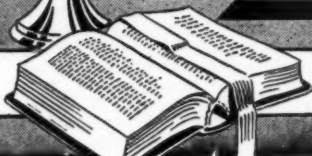


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### WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

## SPECIAL REQUEST

Rev. Minnie Irene Hillhouse earnestly requests the Evangel family to pray that God will help her in the very special way in which she needs it at this time.

## NOTICES

"Christ for the Nation," a program over Station WHOD, Homestead, Pa., 860 on your dial, each Sunday morning, 8:30-9:00. This broadcast originates in the auditorium of the church.  
—Roland Verrico, Pastor, Pittsburgh, Pa.

To All Church of God Members and Friends Living in and Around Beaumont, Texas: We now have a church organized in Beaumont and are having services on Thursday night and Sunday School and Sunday night services, at 1360 Blanchette St. We have bought a lot and plan to build in the near future.—O. E. Wright, Pastor. Phone 54421, or 56160.

## COVER PICTURE

Sunday, October 21, 1951, was a great day and one long to be remembered by the members and friends of the Church of God, Iowa Park, Texas, for on that day their new \$40,000 building was dedicated.

The light-brick edifice is constructed in the shape of a "T" and the cross section rises into a second story which is used for Sunday School classrooms. The 65-by-40-foot auditorium has a seating capacity of 300 and is walled with knotty pine and fiber planking. The knotty pine lower walls, redwood

pews, pulpit, chairs, and altar have a white lime finish. The hexed ceiling is of white insulating blocks. On either side of the front entrance hall are the pastor's study, nursery, and rest rooms. Nine classrooms, a modern kitchen, and dining room are in the building process.

It is certainly marvelous how God has blessed the work here in Iowa Park. The church was organized in 1929, after Sister Gertrude Alexander had conducted a revival, and Sister Alexander was the first pastor. Every few years, we would have to remodel or rebuild to be able to better serve.

In the latter part of 1950, while Rev. Ray T. Hill was pastor, the church began praying and planning for a new building, and each member donated a week's salary. Then in March, 1951 under the ministry of Rev. G. M. (Jack) Gilbert, the actual work was started, and, with the exception of the brick work, all labor was voluntary. One of our members, Brother Roy Stegall, drew the plans, supervised the work, and did most of the "finished" work, in addition to his regular employment. So many gave so liberally of their time and finance that it's impossible to mention them all, but we know God will reward every effort.

Rev. L. H. Aultman, state overseer, and Rev. Wayne Hiel, state youth director, were among those present for our dedicatory service. And God in His power was there in a great way.

It is our prayer that the church will continue to give out the true gospel to this little town of two thousand souls.—Grace Churchman, Sunday School Secretary, Box 352, Iowa Park, Texas.

## WORLD PENTECOSTAL CONFERENCE

JUNE 27 TO JULY 6, 1952 IN LONDON, ENGLAND, D. V.

The Third World Conference of Pentecostal Churches is to be held in the famous Central Hall, Westminster, in the heart of London.

The morning and afternoon sessions will be open to Pentecostal visitors, but participation in discussion will be confined to approved representatives. Public meetings will be held each evening, except on Sundays, when visiting preachers will minister in hundreds of Pentecostal churches throughout London and the British Isles.

The cost of BED and BREAKFAST in London hotels will be from FIFTEEN SHILLINGS to TWO POUNDS (more or less \$2 to \$6) per day or more if desired. For midday and evening meals add 5|—(about 75 cents) per meal.

As there is a great demand for accommodation in London during the summer months, all who propose travelling to England to attend the Conference should write without delay for further particulars and an application form to either of the following addresses:

David J. du Plessis, P. O. Box 342, Glenbrook, Connecticut, U. S. A. (He is the conference secretary and suggested items for the Agenda should be sent ONLY to him.)

E. J. Phillips, 20 Clarence Av., Clapham Park, London, S. W. 4, England. (He is the secretary of the British Pentecostal Fellowship, the hosts of the World Conference.)

The Advisory Committee (elected at Paris in 1949) consists of Donald Gee (Britain), Samuel Nystrom (Sweden), Abelines Schoeman (South Africa), Wesley R. Steelberg (U. S. A.) and Leonard Steiner (Switzerland).

With sincere greetings and best wishes for a prosperous year with a world embracing PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL.—David J. du Plessis.

# EDITORIAL...

## Ministerial Ethics

**HIS MINISTRY** should be based upon the Holy Bible. He should not preach his personal convictions of non-essentials to Christian belief.

**HIS ALTAR** calls and personal evangelism should be led of the Holy Spirit. He should refrain from psychological devices to obtain seekers. He should discourage shallow altar work and should be willing to pray with seekers until they are satisfied.

**HE SHOULD SEEK** at all times to be of the greatest spiritual help to the most people, regardless of personal sacrifice.

**HE SHOULD ALWAYS STRIVE** to preserve the sanctity of the place of worship.

**HE SHOULD EXERCISE DIPLOMACY** in dealing with individuals but never compromise in doctrine or principle.

**HE SHOULD USE ALL LEGITIMATE MEANS** to attract people to his services, yet his publicity should be void of sensationalism.

**HE SHOULD REALIZE** that his time is not his own but belongs to God and the people he serves. His recreation should be solely for the refreshment of body, mind, and spirit. He should not absent himself from his church without properly advising where he may be contacted.

**HE SHOULD CONSTANTLY STRIVE** to improve his ministry, furthering his capabilities by study and practice.

**IF PASTORING**, he should, as a general rule, call evangelists to hold his meetings. The evangelist is called of God to this field and deserves support.

**CHURCH OF GOD PASTORS** should, as a general rule, call Church of God evangelists—this is an act of loyalty to your denomination.

**HE SHOULD NOTIFY** the invited evangelist as soon as possible of a pastoral change and secure, if possible, a date for him either at the present church or his new church. After all, disruption hurts the evangelist the same as it does a pastor.

**HE SHOULD NEVER THINK** of the evangelist as an hireling, but as a noble servant of God indispensable to the pastor's success.

**HE SHOULD NOT FAIL** to properly advertise the meeting far enough in advance.

**HE SHOULD PROVIDE** for the evangelist a proper, private room.

**HE SHOULD NOT BE PRESUMPTUOUS** in thinking that the evangelist's discomforts will last only during the meeting, because the next pastor may hold the same attitude.

**HE SHOULD NOT TELL** the evangelist that he has had larger crowds and better revivals than the one engaged in.

**HE SHOULD KNOW** that the evangelist will not appreciate hearing how the favorite, former evangelist did things any more than he enjoys one of his church members referring to a former favorite pastor. Every pastor should boost his evangelists.

**HE SHOULD NEVER INFER** that the revival was over before the evangelist arrived. Neither should the plans and relative experiences of the evangelist be ignored. He may have conducted more revivals in ten years than the pastor will ever attend.

**HE SHOULD NOT FORGET** to do his financial best for the evangelist, for he and the church are expecting his best. The evangelist has continuous obligations which are invisible to the church. His rent and utilities are not paid; his home is not furnished; poundings are seldom given him; vacations are not paid; and he is not salaried fifty-two weeks out of the year. The evangelist should be treated by the pastor as the pastor would like to be treated were he the evangelist.

**HE SHOULD TAKE HIS PROPER PLACE** as a citizen of his community by showing interest in promoting better government, public education, and the improvement of living conditions.

**HE SHOULD CO-OPERATE** with community religious endeavors in which the fundamentals of salvation are emphasized. He should never belittle the efforts of other groups who are seeking the salvation of souls.

**HIS APPEARANCE AND CONDUCT** in public should be in keeping with his high calling.

**HIS ASSOCIATION** with members and non-members of the opposite sex should be above question.

**HE SHOULD AVOID** being extremely intimate with any member of his congregation.

**HE SHOULD DELEGATE** responsibility to capable committees wherever possible, and adequately supervise the entire church program.

**HE SHOULD PERSONALLY SUPPORT** all interests of the church. He should not devote so much time to one department as to neglect other important church interests.

**IN CHURCH BUSINESS** he should abide by the will of the majority and respect the rights of the minority.

**HE SHOULD BE GOVERNED** not only by the letter but also by the principle involved.

**HE SHOULD DISCOURAGE** the nomination of his wife or other members of his family as lay representatives of the church, realizing that their views are thought to reflect his.

**HIS DECISION** as to his field of labor should not be guided only by the thought of material remuneration, but by opportunity for service as well.

**IF WELL PAID** for full-time religious service, he should not supplement his income with secular work or by speculative transactions.

**HE SHOULD REGULATE** his living expenses so as to live within his income.

**WHERE MINISTERIAL DISCOUNTS** are customary, he may justifiably use them, but without abusing the privilege.

**HE SHOULD DIRECT** to the church treasury all monies given to him by members and friends of his congregation, unless otherwise specified, other than bona fide personal gifts.

**HE SHOULD BE LOYAL** to his congregation at all times.

**WHEN IT SO HAPPENS** that his best efforts have not been productive of good results, he should be agreeable to move to another location.



# Qualifying for the Race

By REV. C. G. PASCHAL, Snellville, Ga. \*

Text: "... Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us," Heb. 12:1b.

The purpose of this article is to especially instruct, as best I can, our Christian laymen about the dangers of the BESETTING SIN. I am not capable of teaching my fellow ministers, who have years of experience and study concerning the deep things of the Scriptures, but if I can help some "poor, fainting, struggling seaman" find the harbor in the night, I shall be repaid a thousandfold when I come to the end of my journey. This is a pitfall we all must avoid, if we are to make it safely home. But how can we avoid it, if we don't know what it is? The fact that it besets us so easily, as Paul has said, proves our unawareness of it. Sins whose indentities are ever known can be avoided like we would a home infested with smallpox, but who knows where the dread germs of polio are or when they will strike? So it is with the BESETTING SIN.

The devil is responsible for every sin possible for human beings to commit. Let us name some of them: idolatry, adultery, profanity, jealousy, dishonesty, thievery, irreverence, dishonor of parents, murder, covetousness, and so on and so on. There are sins that are forgivable if repented of, and there is the SIN FOR WHICH THERE IS NO FORGIVENESS; viz, THE SIN UNTO DEATH. There is, as we preachers are wont to say, THE SINS OF OMISSION AND THE SINS OF COMMISSION. It is a sin to do wrong; it is a sin to fail to do right; it is possible to sin "IN WORD AND THOUGHT AND DEED," and so we could go on down the line until we reach the sin of our subject—the sin which doth so easily beset us.

But wait! Let first things come first. Let's take care of the preliminary admonition, "lay aside every weight." You can't lay aside the besetting sin until you first lay aside every weight. What weights? The depressing things of life, be they few or numerous; the things that hold you back, that hinder you in your Christian life, not necessarily sins, but little things that

eventually sap your victory, tiny little holes that drain your joy bucket dry. Solomon said, "Take us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines; for our vines have tender grapes," Song of Solomon 2:15. Sometimes the little things of life are the most destructive, the most devastating. One poet said, "You can sit upon a mountain but not upon a pin." Those little foxes, those baby foxes that slip like a weasel through the smallest holes into our spiritual vineyards and chew away our SPIRITUAL LIFE, must be caught; they must be disposed of, or the vineyard will be ruined; the vines will be spoiled. Solomon gave his reason—"for our vines have tender grapes."

Let us name some of the little foxes. First, our faults. And who is it that does not have a fault of some kind? But, thank God, we can rid ourselves of them just like we would rid ourselves of the itch or some other contagious affliction that would torment the body. Faults are like weeds in a garden. They will finally choke us out unless we destroy them. TOO MUCH TONGUE, and not the unknown tongue either, is one very dangerous fault. We are prone, unless we pray much, to talk too much, and bring to ourselves shame and embarrassment, as well as a reproach to the cause. Eph. 1:4 tells us that we should not let it be ONCE named among us as becometh saints, but rather giving thanks. Jesus admonishes that we must give an account at the judgment of every idle word, and that by our words we are justified, and by our words we are condemned. Whoever said, "You are what you say," wasn't far from right. It's my problem as well as yours, and, thanks to our loving Saviour, we can do something about it.

Second, our thoughts. Did you know our thoughts are as much a part of us as our words? Did you know the Bible said, "The thought of foolishness is sin"? "Nobody knows what I think," you say. God does. If our thoughts could be televised and

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thrown upon a screen for everybody to see, I wonder just how much embarrassment would be caused, even among highly professed Christians. "If our thoughts could be heard, we wouldn't think them," one fellow said. I am not intimating, by any means, that the Christian's thoughts are evil continually. The thoughts of the righteous are right (Prov. 12:5). But I am pointing out the danger of defilement through the process of thinking. If old Satan can slip a thought in our minds, he knows that it will bring forth seeds of evil.

Third, our habits. As Jesus has said, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth," Luke 12:15. But He didn't say it didn't consist of the things which he THINKS, SAYS, and DOES. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," Prov. 23:7. That is, as a man thinks, so will he say and do. What a man does constitutes his habits. These habits are either good or bad. Good habits are like gardens; they have to be cultivated. Bad habits are like weeds; they grow without attention. Some habits are damnable, while others are parasitical. They fasten onto us like leeches to a turtle's neck, and usually death is the only thing that will break us of them. The only cure is CALVARY. Such habits as tobacco using, alcohol, and dope eating are of a parasitical nature, but there is deliverance in the precious blood of Christ Jesus. Any habit that we have that disturbs our peace of soul is a weight, and we should get victory over it.

Concerning these weights in our lives, Paul admonishes, in 2 Cor. 7:1, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved (notice particularly that Paul says HAVING THESE PROMISES), let us cleanse ourselves from ALL FILTHINESS OF THE FLESH AND SPIRIT (this generally indicates that all filthy habits of the body and all foolish thoughts of the mind, which too are filthy, must be eradicated—they must be laid aside), PERFECTING HOLINESS IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD." Holiness has always been perfect in God, but it is not perfected in our lives until we follow

through the above admonition. One thing sure, if we have honest hearts, we will lay aside every weight as we see them. As they pop up, we'll put them down. It has been said that the Grecians were great fans of the foot race. Their athletes would tie weights around their legs and run with them for weeks before the races. A few days before, they would take them off, and they found they could run more swiftly than before. The same is true, my Christian friends, of us, so let us take every little weight the devil has fastened onto us, and let's kick enough dust in his eyes to keep him blind forever.

#### THE SIN WHICH DOTH SO EASILY BESET US

"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure," 1 John 3:3.

This assertion is a great challenge to the Christian professing world. It definitely and without reservation tells us that if we have **THIS HOPE** (Christ within us, the Hope of glory, to be sure), we will purify ourselves **EVEN AS HE IS PURE**. And you know "he did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth," 1 Peter 2:22. Christ Himself admonished us to "be perfect, even as our Father which is in heaven is perfect," Matt. 5:48.

"What have these scriptures to do with the besetting sin?" you ask. The besetting sin is not a sin that we commit. It is not something you did, but is something you have, unless you have been purged from it by the sanctifying blood of Jesus. You had nothing to do with getting it, but you had better get rid of it, or it will get rid of you. You were born with it. David said, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me," Psalm 51:5. Theologians call it the **inbred sin**; Doctors of Divinity call it the **sin of depravity**; and plowboy preachers call it the **old man**. But, regardless of what you call it, it still remains "the sin which doth so easily beset us." How can I get rid of this besetting sin? you ask. Let the poet answer, "O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus."

That Jesus Christ is the Deliverer of the Christian from this sin principle is quite apparent from many scriptures. I don't have room for them all, but here are a few that are too good to pass up. Heb. 13:12, 13, "Wherefore Jesus **ALSO** (some folks think Jesus

came only to seek and save the lost, but He also came to do something else—what?), that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach." Then in 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins (notice "our sins") and to cleanse us (sanctify, if you please) from all unrighteousness." You remember Paul's prayer concerning Christ's followers was, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly (completely, I'd have you know), and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved (kept) blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Thess. 5:23. God is faithful and will also do it. But first there must be, on our part, a willingness for God to do it. And here is God's attitude toward the sanctified, "Both he that sanctifieth (Christ) and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren," Heb. 2:11. Then, in Rom. 5:1, we have a striking description of both the saved and sanctified: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (This comes with salvation, the first definite work of grace). Listen to verse 2: "By whom also (notice that also) we have access (entrance into) by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." This is clearly the experience of sanctification subsequent to the new birth. We receive the experience instantaneously—it doesn't take always to get it. The entrance to the experience of sanctification is like a door. It takes but a moment to step through it, once we make up our minds to enter. Once in the experience you can stand, and stay in it the rest of your life and progress into its fullest joys and blessings as your happy years roll on.

The Christian race is a race of patience. It is not a short sprint to the glory world. Its race track is the longest in the world. It reaches from earth to the pearly gates. We must run and run and run patiently the race that is set before us. We must run for our lives. We can't stop to look around, and the quicker we shake off the shackles and handicaps, the quicker we rid ourselves of the besetting sin and weights, and the more certain we are of winning the race. There's a prize that awaits every faithful run-

ner—heaven with all of its beauties, its grandeurs, its wonders, and its glories. But remember, "the pure in heart shall see God," and "without holiness no man shall see the Lord."

The writer's prayer is that all of us will so run as to enter in through the gates into the holy city.

A skilled physician about to perform a delicate operation on the ear said reassuringly to the patient, "I may hurt you, but will not injure you." How often the Great Physician speaks to us that same message, if we would only listen.—*Selected.*

#### HE SENDS EVANGEL TO 120 JAILS



Manuel F. Campbell  
Pastor, Somerset, Ky.

Dear Brother Bright: I am sending the 120 subscriptions for the *Evangel* I promised you last year. It makes me feel good to think our publication will soon be going to all of the county jails of Kentucky. This is something I have wanted to do for months and months. The \$150 check is to cover the cost. About half of this amount was given to me by friends, and the rest has been made possible by selling ads in my church and radio publications. These subscriptions will help Brother R. R. Walker on the trip to London.

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Thanks a million, Brother Campbell. You have set a worthy and challenging example, and I am wondering what minister in which state will be the next to do the same.—J. D. B.

# FOREIGN MISSIONS

J. H. WALKER, SR., Executive Missions Secretary

## GLORIOUS NEWS FROM ST. LUCIA

Brother Luke R. Summers writes: "You will no doubt be glad to know that God is still blessing in this part of the mission field. I returned home from St. Lucia two days ago, having spent one week there ministering to the folks and encouraging them in the Lord. The presence of the Lord was very present. I wish that you could have been there. The field, as you know, is very hard, being 95 per cent Catholic; still, even Catholics are hungry for God and the good things He has for them. The first night eighty-eight came to the altar. The church was encouraged and stirred to believe God for greater things. The next night one was filled with the Holy Ghost, and others were greatly blessed and the sinners stirred. Thursday was a farewell service for a sister who was going to St. Vincent to work for the Lord there. After the message a number came to the altar to be saved, and prayed for deliverance. God answered prayer, and many went away praising God for His touch.

Friday night, the momentum had risen, and many came to hear the Word. A few answered the call and came seeking the Lord. Sunday morning the Lord's Supper was administered, followed by great blessings as the believers sought for the Holy Ghost and greater victory. In the afternoon, about 30 came for Sunday School, in spite of the rain which was falling. Of them, about twenty knelt (boys and girls) for the first time, asking the Lord to save them. How many really meant it I don't know, but they were stirred. Sunday night more came to the altar seeking salvation and asking to be prayed for that they might receive relief from various ailments. Without my having said anything about the matter, drunkards and smokers came for deliverance. Some were believing, and some were doubting. According to their faith, God met them.

Monday was the grand climax of it all. The services had aroused considerable interest, and the building was jammed, with more on the outside than could get in. We had asked God to move, and He did. About ten

came for salvation and many for a touch from the Lord on their bodies. Numbers were relieved, but one elderly lady, a blind, feeble beggar who could not walk by herself, was semi-carried and thrust into a chair to wait her turn. She was the last one to whom we were going, and was sitting off to one side. After prayer I asked her to open her eyes. There was no response. I called louder; still no response. I thought her deaf, but was told that she only understood the Patwah, which is mostly spoken among the old folks and in the out-places. Then she was told in Patwah to open her eyes and see. She obeyed. For the first time in years she saw. Being helped to her feet, she pointed out people in the congregation. Like electricity, excitement ran through the crowd, both in and out of the building, and in no time the aisle was jammed. The old lady, realizing she had her deliverance, threw up her arms in the air and ran across the building. There was no holding the people. This was a hallelujah time for awhile. Sinners ran to the altar; sick flocked in to be prayed for. The meeting did not close until after eleven that night. How many were saved, I don't know, but I suppose that altogether there were from 50 to 75 in the altar in the week. Many want to be baptized. But that was not all—the next morning the news spread like wildfire through the city. The crowd started gathering at her home shortly after daybreak, and as people gathered it was necessary for the police to guard the house and control the crowds. I was sorry I had to leave, but, Brother Walker, the door is wide open. There will never be a riper field or a more ready harvest. The Island of 70,000 is stirred; they have seen and are believing."

Let us continue to pray for this needy field.

## MOONEYHAMS ARRIVE IN PORTUGAL

LISBON, PORTUGAL, OCTOBER 5, 1951: Even before their things were unpacked, Brother Mooneyham grabbed his typewriter and sent greetings from a strange land, stating that "the Lord has been with us and provided

friendship with English-speaking people when we needed them.

"Brother and Sister Stahlberg were at the pier to meet us. He had a place arranged for us to go where several other missionaries were staying. We got room and board at this place. Saturday a group of American missionaries invited us out with them. We got acquainted with about 40 American missionaries. Through them we learned where the Presbyterian Seminary was located. The president was there. He is a very nice person, by the name of Testa. You may know him. He and some of the other missionaries thought it would be good if we could find a place out near the Seminary where we could have the fellowship of the other missionaries. Also, they could help us in arranging for teachers. And, too, the English school where Dr. Bowker's girl goes is located near. We found a house about four blocks from the Seminary and six blocks from the English school. Dr. Bowker and Brother Stahlberg helped us move, or maybe I should say moved us, last Tuesday. They are certainly fine people and have been very nice to us.

"We have a very neat little place. We have a yard, or garden, in front of the house about 50 by 75 feet, with fruit tress, flowers, and walks. The people who lived here before us said that we will have several kinds of roses blooming the year around. It never freezes here. It is a pretty place for the girls to play.

"I never saw people come for salvation as easy as they do here. Last Friday night six came for salvation without any preaching or persuasion at all. I preached last Sunday night, and Sister Bowker interpreted for me. Several were saved. There have been over 300 saved in the new big hall just recently completed here in the city. Brother Stahlberg is doing a splendid work here.

"The girls started to school last Tuesday so they did not have to miss any. We also took our first lesson today; however, we get an official lesson every time we turn around.

"We had a very nice trip over. No one got sick. The sea was pretty calm. We saw lots of fish but no whale."

I know you will join us in prayer for Brother and Sister Mooneyham and the girls, who are in school, and that they will be able to get the Portuguese language and go on to Angola and do an outstanding work.



## Old-fashioned Revivals

**HAZLEHURST, Ga.**—The Lord poured out His blessings in a mighty way in our three weeks' revival here in November. Rev. Gilbert Pearson, an eighteen-year-old, Holy-Ghost-filled youth of Maryland, was our evangelist. Our pastor, Rev. H. M. Long, met this young man of God at the prayer conference last summer, and was so deeply impressed with him he secured him for this revival. Brother Pearson has been saved about two and a half years, has been in the evangelistic work about a year and a half, and God is really using him. The gift of healing has been given him, and every night of the revival a time was set apart for prayer for the sick and afflicted. The power of God was wonderfully manifested in these services. There were many definite healings, some instant, and really marvelous. It brought tears of joy and much shouting. Truly, "It was good to be there." Never has the presence of God's Spirit been more definitely felt than in this revival. Several nights the Holy Ghost took charge, and there was no preaching. There were 36 souls saved, 14 sanctified, and 12 filled with the Holy Ghost.

Brother Pearson is one of the most sincere, most zealous Christians we have ever known, and he is so unassuming and humble. He fears God, and not man. We are so thankful for the privilege of knowing him, and for the blessings our church received from God through him.—Hope Jordan, Reporter.

**DURHAM, N. C.**—The Rev. F. H. Collier has just closed a series of revival services at the West Durham church. He was a great blessing to our church, and we were happy to have him with us. Each night the Lord would bless the congregation in surprising ways. Twenty-one were saved, 7 sanctified, and 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost. We thank God for each evangelist who comes to our church. He has had His hand of blessing on our church from the beginning. The influence the church has exerted upon the people in Durham has done more to lift up a high standard of holiness than any other church. Rev. R. C. Muncy, pastor, is working earnestly and tirelessly to lead the church on to victory for Christ. Besides his duties as pastor, he conducts the daily broadcast, which is proving a blessing to those who do not know the way of holiness and those who are sick and shut in. The program may be heard daily over WSSB, 1490 on the dial, at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday, 8:30 a. m.—Alpha Adams, Secretary.

**MACON, Ga.**—A few weeks ago we had a wonderful revival here, with Brother Willard Maynard, of North Carolina, doing the preaching. There were 22 saved, 17 sanctified, and 8

filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival lasted 3 weeks, and we had wonderful attendance. Any church would do well to have this young man for a revival. He has a trio, and they are wonderful singers. Our church is on the forward march with our new pastor, Hoyt Odum, for which we praise the Lord.—Glynn Griffin, Clerk.

**CONNEROSS, S. C.**—We truly thank the Lord for the 2 weeks' revival at the Conneross Church of God. The Lord surely blessed in a wonderful way, with 7 saved, 5 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 6 added to the church. The evangelist was Brother Fermon Sanders, of Newry, S. C. He and his wife were a great blessing to our church and community. We truly praise the Lord for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister F. G. Smith.—Mrs. Pearl Wood, Clerk.

**PATETOWN, N. C.**—We have just had a 3 weeks' revival, with Sister Mavis Bridges as the evangelist. There were 16 saved, 7 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, 3 added to the church, and 8 baptized in water. We enjoyed having Sister Bridges; she was a blessing to our church. The following week end after the closing of our revival, we had our annual homecoming and raised \$1,000 to build 2 more classrooms to our church. We are also raising money to move our parsonage on a nice lot that has been given to us. We are working hard for the cause of Christ.—Herman Smith, Pastor.

**EDMOND CHAPEL, Ga.**—We are so happy to report the greatest revival in years here at Edmond Chapel, with Rev. Kelland Jeffords, of Waresboro, Ga., doing the preaching. Brother and Sister Jeffords are accomplished musicians and doing a great work. We were blessed each night by Brother Jeffords' preaching. We are still feasting off the inspiring messages that were brought to us each night. During the one week of services 26 were saved, 20 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 16 added to the church. Brother R. L. Lumley is our good pastor and is doing a great work for us.—Ella Ross, Clerk.

**HICKORY GROVE, S. C.**—We have had a successful 10-day revival, with Brother George W. Cooper, our district pastor, doing the preaching. He preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost every night, and there were seekers in the altar every night. Backsliders were reclaimed, 6 saved, 4 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. Two Sundays before Brother Cooper began the revival a man and his wife were saved and joined the church, also others were saved. The Lord certainly did give Hickory Grove a good revival. Pray for us and for our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Green.—Mrs. Betty Harris, Church Reporter.

**ROCK HILL, S. C.**—We have had a great three weeks' revival here at the Rock Hill, S. C., Church of God. The Reverend Walter Skutar was the evangelist. Brother Skutar, without question, has developed, by 17 years' experience, into one of the Church of God's most outstanding evangelists. He was anointed each night, and great conviction rested upon the sinners, until they came to the altars with tears streaming down their cheeks, and crying for mercy. The altars were filled and people knelt at the seats on many nights. We had 57 saved, 14 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church, with others interested. This revival was more largely attended than any we have had in years.

We have one of the best, and perhaps the only, daily radio programs in the State of South Carolina, and this was a wonderful blessing in bringing in new people to our revival. Our program covers about all the State and can be heard on WTYC each morning from 9:30 to 10:00. Just tune in for SUNSHINE for SHUT-INS each day.—C. M. Jinkerson, Pastor.

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# Interesting Reports

## REPORT FROM NEBRASKA

The news from the field looks very encouraging this month (October). There were 218 homes visited, 96 sermons preached, 19 saved, 11 sanctified, 6 received the Holy Ghost, 4 added to the church, and 4 baptized in water.

### AUBURN

The church at Auburn has really had a revival the last three weeks. Twelve were saved, 6 sanctified, and 5 received the Holy Ghost. Rev. Rayburn Purifoy, of Trenton, was the evangelist. He also has remodeled the church. The interior was completely papered and painted, and the back door was moved to the side. The roof was fixed, the front doors painted, the yard cleaned, and material given to build a concrete sidewalk. The church looks better, and is in better condition than it has been since we came to the State.

### RULO

The Rulo Church has a new pastor, the Rev. A. L. Chappell, of Trenton. From the reports we have heard, they really like him and his wife. They plan to start another revival soon.

### WYMORE

Wymore Church has received four members this month. They have just closed a revival, with Sister Nila Faye Pruitt. Three were saved.

### TRENTON

Rev. Charles Connely is doing a fine work taking care of the church until we can find a pastor. Rev. Chappell and I spent two weeks building on the portable tabernacle during the last cold spell. We have the building almost ready for service. We must put in the windows and doors and put in the floor, before it will be ready for winter.

### FAIRBURY

We bought a nice building in this town. We paid \$1,000 down and will get possession in about two months. You can then start looking for things to move at the headquarters church. Sister Collins has been keeping the Sunday School going for almost a year now.

### BURT ST., OMAHA

Rev. Clyde Burnett said that the church at Burt Street had now raised over \$40 on their furnace for the big church.

### EAST OMAHA

We were at the East Omaha church for their monthly fellowship meeting the other night, and Rev. Paul Barker did some fine preaching. Rev. Schaffer tells me that they have bought and installed a good furnace



The Church of God in Greer, S. C., is moving materially and spiritually and truly holding the Lord to His promises. Stepping out by faith, the members started building a \$45,000 church, without a penny with which to start. Our old building, which was a 40x60 foot, two-story structure, proved to be too small for our growing Sunday School which was topping the 300 mark. So, it was moved about 40 feet to one side of our church lot to make way for a larger building. This old building will serve as the back of our new T-shaped church. After having



plans drawn for a new auditorium, with a loan; so, turning to the Lord in prayer-as-you-go basis, hoping for the best. ing, blocked it back up, and started on new church. Then the Lord blessed us. The good sisters in the church and the plates with Jesus' picture in them, mentioning else they could think of, to raise. The men and our good pastor, Rev.

in their church. Rev. Bradbury and Rev. Schaffer built a new brick flue for the church. The members cleaned the ceiling of the church, which made a good improvement on its looks.

### FALLS CITY

Rev. C. L. Parker has kept a revival going almost all month. Rev. Dale Clark, of St. Joseph, preached one week and Mrs. Nila Faye Pruitt was there for two weeks. They have one-half of their ceiling up in the church now.

### PAWNEE CITY

Rev. Irwin Shafer has taken the church at Pawnee City, and we look for some good news from that way soon.

### LINCOLN

We went to Lincoln to see about getting a church started there. Keep praying that God will give us an opening in the capital city.

## Louisiana Prayer and Bible Conference

MONROE, La.—The Louisiana prayer and Bible conference convened this year at the Monroe Church of God, November 20-22. The planning of the convention was good. The Lord surely helped Brother McClendon a great deal in the task. It is so good to see God work out His will in His people. The messengers stayed in the background, but the messages have stayed with us. The Bible was given a very outstanding place as a subject almost within itself, and themes on prayer were in nowise neglected. A great deal of praying took place during the meeting between services. Rev. Houston R. Morehead was a real blessing to the conference. His messages and presence blessed the ministers and members as well. Brother

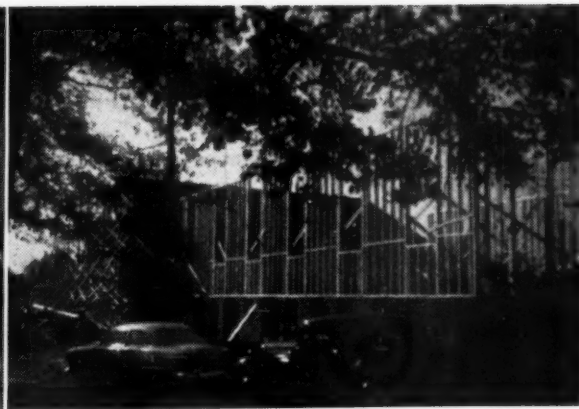
T. M. McClendon preached the closing message to a large and attentive congregation. The meeting was just what its name implies, and this should not seem strange. Jesus said, in John 4:23b, "...the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth." Join us in thanksgiving for these good things.—Thomas Shoemaker, Reporter.

## Good Work Being Done at Jonesville, N. C.

JONESVILLE, N. C.—A little over 2 years ago God sent Sister Dixie Chambers our way to pastor the church. I was in sin but in that revival I was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and came into the Church of God. I have been a willing worker in the church since. Since Sister Chambers came our way, our church has doubled its membership; the Sunday School has grown. We now have a fine group of young people and a good Y. P. E. This is her fourth year with us. We owe only a small balance on our \$7,000 parsonage, built by W. C. Cudd, who did a good work here. Sister Chambers is a good organizer, a hard worker, and a number-one preacher. Pray for us.—Eloise Martin.

JACKSONVILLE, Ala.—We are glad to report victory in Jesus. We have just paid off a \$600 note and burned the mortgage. Mr. Miller, Superintendent of the Textile Cotton Mill, gave us \$500, for which we are so thankful. The church has been remodeled, also the parsonage, and all notes are paid up. Brother A. L. Burroughs conducted a week's meeting, and the church was richly blessed by his Spirit-filled messages. Our Sunday School has been averaging 100 and over. We have a good Y. P. E., and we





auditorium, we were unable to secure the Lord's prayer, we started on a paying for the best. We moved the old building, and started on the foundation for the new auditorium, which will be 50x70 feet, making the whole church 110 feet long. You will also see a group of the members and the pastor. The man in coveralls and sun helmet is our pastor, Brother Ogle, of whom we are very proud.—S. J. Richards.

the work. We are going to build a church, with the help of the Lord, big enough for our needs. The pictures show the old building, which is being brick veneered, and a side view of the new auditorium, which will be 50x70 feet, making the whole church 110 feet long. You will also see a group of the members and the pastor. The man in coveralls and sun helmet is our pastor, Brother Ogle, of whom we are very proud.—S. J. Richards.

have a wonderful man of God for our pastor—Brother S. E. Bussy. He and his good wife have labored faithfully since they have been here, and we love them very much.—Sister Lovie Mosteller.

**CENTERVILLE, Iowa**—We are happy to report the good work going on in Centerville. Our good pastor, Rev. L. J. Stone, is able to be back in services again after 3 weeks of severe suffering from a blood clot in his left arm. God undertook and raised him up. Our Sunday School has reached 142, and for the Sunday night services the church is packed out. We are putting new pews in the main auditorium, and 6 Sunday School rooms in our basement. Our Y.P.E. has grown and God is saving souls. We certainly praise God for His blessings and for a place to worship in Spirit and truth.—Mardel White, Sunday School Superintendent and Y.P.E. President.

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# The Last Examination

By Mrs. J. B. Law, 1027 Davidson St., Charlotte, N. C.

For over a year and a half I have been a shut-in for weeks at a time, and for many hours I have meditated and talked things over with my Father. As I have meditated about these last days, I have compared them to high school. For years you labor over problems, and year after year goes by, and still there are more problems every day until you can count the time by months, then weeks, then, at last, the last examination, the last test. You may have studied hard, and you feel sure you know the answers. Not long after this last examination you will be wearing the cap and gown you have so longed to wear; your name will be called, and you will step up proudly and get your diploma and your reward, if you have earned one.

Well, for many years saints of God have struggled with problems, resisted the devil, and carried a heavy load, but always looking forward to seeing the end of the way. And now, brothers and sisters in the Lord, for your soul's sake and all that you have ever hoped for, please let us strive just a few more days, because I believe with all my heart that we are taking the last examination; the last tests are about to be given. Have we loved and obeyed the Lord as we should? Have we studied to shew ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed? Have we prayed and asked God to let us be in the center of His will? Have we walked before Him as we should have in good Church of God, clean, upright holiness? or have we been bribed to accept a few substitutes along the way? Our passing the last examination depends on how we can answer the questions.

Some of our great soldiers of the cross, like Brothers S. C. Chambers and E. W. Williams, have fought their last battle; they have had their last trial or test. They and thousands of others are wearing the cap and gown today over on the shores of sweet deliverance. As I write, it seems I can hear Brother Chambers as he tells the sinner and holiness fighter, "Well, it's holiness or hell"; then, as he waves his hand above his head, he tells the saints to be determined to be ready when Jesus circles the globe. Often I have heard Brother Williams say he wanted to sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the others, and talk it all over with them, but first of all he wanted to see Jesus, the One who did so much for him. Well, he has done just that; now he is looking for those he left behind in this old world. Can't you almost see them as they beckon to ministers that they have labored with so many times, saying, "Fight a few more battles, boys, it will soon be over. Wife, you have been faithful; you went through a lot and did without many things to go from place to place with me to help and pray for me as I tried to

win souls for our Lord. Hold on a little longer; it won't be long. Children, many times I would have liked to give you more; many times when you were asleep and not aware of it I have cried and prayed for you that you would give your hearts to our Lord. I am waiting for you. Won't you come? Brothers and sisters in the Lord, it is a million times more wonderful here than I told you about. Keep the banner flying high, it is worth more than you can ever do for our Lord."

Can you catch this vision that seems so real to me? If you can't, hurry and look back over some of your examination papers. Maybe you have let a problem slip by when you thought no one was looking. Maybe the problem was so big you could not see out, but you should have remembered the Lord said, "I will make a way where there seemeth to be no way." You might have thought your brothers and sisters did not care, but the Lord said, "Bear ye one another's burdens." Did they know that you needed help? Please go back and make that problem right. Give the right answer; be sure every doornail is marked by the blood. That will mean you and I will pass every examination. Our Father loves us; our Elder Brother loves us, and we have the greatest Teacher in the universe, and He loves us and will plead our cause and help us through every problem. He is far greater than the one that will try to bribe you to let the problem slip by.

I heard of boys and girls who took up their time with other things than their lessons, bribe someone to let them copy their papers; but in this life it is an individual affair, and I am so glad. Mothers can't live it for their children or their husbands. This is one examination where there will be no cheating. What our great Teacher, the Holy Ghost, requires of me to lay down of this world's folly and let it stay down, He will require of you. We can take a bribe and cheat once in a while, but we are not fooling many people, and we will never fool God.

In school sometimes a few will fail a subject or two. They will wear the cap and gown. They will line up with the rest and their names will be called out. They will step forward and receive what seems to be just like the others, but the paper will be blank. But they have another chance. They go to summer school for a few weeks, then they get the real diploma. Oh, but brothers and sisters, we won't have that second chance. There will be no time to study any more or make anything right. If we don't get the real diploma at the end, it will mean eternity in hell. You may say, "Oh, but I never wronged anyone. I have never cheated, lied, or cursed. I have always tried to do right." But moral-

ity is just a substitute for the blood of Jesus. You can take as much blood of as many animals as you wish, as an offering before God, but it will only be a stink in His nostrils. He knows the difference.

The drunkard, the murderers, the whoremongers, if they will hurry they can accept Jesus as their Saviour, clean up their crooked lives, and make the last examination, but there is no time to play hide-and-seek with the devil. Please, Lord, help us to always be on the alert, watching and praying so that we will hear our names called. Our mansions and crowns are waiting for us. We should not let someone take them from us.

Some people, and, I am sad to say some Church of God people, would rather listen to some old soap program than listen to our good church programs. Please, brothers and sisters, let us study for this last test. If we don't, we shall fail, miss our diploma, and be on the welcome committee for the antichrist.

In high school they praise the boy or girl that leads in all sports, so will the world praise you if you partake of the things of the world. But if you take a stand against worldly amusements, both out of the home and in the home, and for the sister's dressing and behaving as becometh holiness, the world won't have any time for you. And, here is a little secret, some of the Church of God members won't either. But if we miss this last test and are left here until the antichrist comes, we shall wish we were never born.

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" 2 Cor. 13:5.

## FLORIDA'S RADIO PROGRAMS

The Church of God, over WNER, 1450 kc. on your dial, each Sunday morning 8:15. Live Oak.

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Church of God Hour, Sunday, 8:15-8:30 a. m., Station WJCM, Sebring, Fla. B. B. Brickley, Pastor.

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# A Salute to the Soldiers



**Dungan**

We have a son in Korea. He is Pfc. James L. Dungan, HQ Btry., 68th F. A. Bn., APO 25, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Dungan, Route 1, Tillatoba, Miss.



**Johns**

This is A. W. Johns, Jr., SH2, son of Brother and Sister A. W. Johns, of Tampa, Fla. He served in World War II, and was called back into service again on Nov. 6, 1950. He is now stationed aboard the USS Sicily, CVE 118, Plane Carrier. He was raised in the Church of God and has been a member for years. He is married and is the father of a three-year-old child.—A. W. Johns, Sr., 211 E. Cluster St., Tampa 4, Fla.



**Rhine**

This is Pfc. Robert H. Rhine, RA 14379527, A Btry, 11th F. A. Bn., APO 24, c/o F. M., San Francisco, Calif. This boy is in Korea and needs your prayer.—Mrs. Odell Barnhill, McCadenville, N. C.

**Rick**

This is our son, Jack Rick, who is in Korea. Pray that God will take care of him.—Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rick, 373 Woodlawn St., Cramerton, N. C.



**Vernon**



**Lawrence**



**Ralph**

We have three sons in service. Our oldest son is in Germany, and he receives the EVANGEL. Pray for him. He is Pfc. Lawrence M. Allen, RA 14379308, Co. H, 12th Inf. Regt., APO 39, c/o P. M., New York. He was 22 the 14th of December.

The next one is in the Navy. He is FA Vernon Allen, 4-22-01-50, U. S. Naval Bks., Bremerton, Wash. He is 19. Pray for him.

The youngest one is Pvt. Ralph V. Allen, AF 14430014, 3701st Training Sqd., Tit, 2164, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He asks for prayer every time he writes. Please pray for him.—Rev. and Mrs. Fred Allen, Route 1, Burnsville, N. C.



**Rowe**

This is Cpl. Eddie L. Rowe, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rowe, Charleston, Miss. He has been in Korea since August, 1951, with the 99th F. A. Bn. He is a member of the Church of God. Eddie has the Holy Ghost and enjoys living for the Lord. He sends his tithes and offerings to the church. He received the Holy Ghost the night after he gave \$25 for missions at Stonerfield during a mission service about 2 years ago. He is trusting the Lord to take care of him. Please help us pray for his safe return.—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rowe, Charleston, Miss.



**Woodall**



**Reeves**

This is our son, Sgt. Eugene A. Reeves, who is now stationed at Fort Richardson, Ala.—Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Reeves, Box 241, Central, S. C.



**Haunchell**

This is Robert Haunchell, who was born June 12, 1927, and killed in Korea, Sept. 4, 1951. He was brought back to the States, Oct. 25, 1951, and buried at Manchester, Ky. He was converted on the battlefield. He enlisted in the Army Sept. 8, 1950.—Mrs. W. H. Mahaffey, Box 115, Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee.



**Moore**



**Singleton**

We have a son in the Army. He is Pfc. Francis (Sonny) Moore, US 53006519, C. Btry., 102 2d AAA Gun. Bn., I. G. M. R., Indiantown Gap, Pa. He has been in training for a little more than a year. He attended Lee College two years. He belongs to the Church of God at Zellwood, Fla. He was saved while attending Lee College; then at our home church he was sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, in 1949. He was married to Patricia Fry, of Findlay, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1950, and was drafted Sept. 20, 1950. He has not seen any overseas duty during the present conflict, but was in the Navy at the close of World War II and spent two months in Japan after V-J Day.—Mrs. E. L. Moore, Box 166, Plymouth, Fla.

Pfc. William Edward (Bill) Singleton, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Singleton, of Jonas Ridge, N. C., has been missing in action in the Korean War since July 26, 1951. Bill entered the service in July, 1950, and was sent overseas in October. His basic training was at Fort Knox, Ky. He was wounded in action Jan. 2, 1951, and after hospitalization and treatment he recovered and returned to the battle line. Pray for his parents.—His aunt, Mrs. Bertie Franklin, 417 Bethel Rd., Morganton, N. C.



**James**



**Robert**

Here is a picture of my two sons. James H. Stanley gave his life for his country in Tokyo, Japan, in 1945. The other one is a graduated Medical Doctor (Army) in Korea. He has recently been saved, and I am requesting prayer that he will go all the way. His address is: Robert G. Stanley, US 53080830, 25th Evac. Hosp., A. P. O. 301, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif.—Mrs. Thelma Stanley, Orient Park Station, Tampa 3, Florida.



**Smith**

Pvt. Burton Smith, RA 14404041, Casual Per. Section, APO 613, c/o P. M., San Francisco, California. This is my son who is in Korea. Please pray for him that God will save him and send him back home safely.—Mrs. Odell Barnhill, McCadenville, N. C.

**Griffing**

Pvt. Jack Griffing is in the U. S. Army in Korea. Pray for him. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffing, Springwood, N. C.



# Forgetting and Reaching

By REV. T. W. DAY, Pastor at Lancaster, S. C.

"Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before," Philipians 3:13b.

The book is closed on last year. We cast a backward glance and see our mistakes, our discontents, our failures, our victories and our successes. We often hear it said, "If I had my life to live over and know what I do now, things would be different." That, of course, is just wishful thinking. There is no use to sit around pining about days gone by. Paul readily admitted that he had not reached his desired goal when he said, "I count not myself to have apprehended." He let us know in short order that he had more to do than worry about yesterday. He said, "I'm forgetting those things which are past, and reaching for those things which are ahead . . . I press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Life means opportunity. The fact that you are living is something to be thankful for and should spur you to press on with renewed vigor to a more useful life for God and man. Each year, as it rolls by, brings a picture in some newspapers of an old man, weary, tired and worn, with his long gray beard and a scythe in his hand; then, we see a young babe, full of vim and vigor, eyes looking forward to the opportunities ahead, representing the new year. Whatever your disappointments and hardships might have been for the year gone by, you're still living, which gives you hope and should give you courage to renew your strength for victory in the new year. As long as there is life in your body, there is hope for you. Solomon said, "To all the living there is hope."

Life is quickly passing. James said, "Life is as a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." Job described life as "swifter than a weaver's shuttle." We are told that every day 4,000 Americans are lowered into the grave. It is a very common sight to see a little tent stretched over a plot of ground in a cemetery, which means that somebody's life has ended on this earth. Job's life was full of hardships. Once he asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Then, as a sudden assurance from God, he declared, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." You need not have a gloomy feeling when you think of the shortness of this life. If your life is wrapped in the fullness of God, sincerely dedicated to living and promoting the fruit of the Spirit, you will be so busy you will forget the shortness of this life by laying up treasures on the other side, where your life will be the new life promised to those who are faithful to God and His cause.

We are living our earthly life in a changing world. There never has been as many conveniences for making life comfortable and, yet, so much unhap-

piness as today. The fast rate of speed the world has invented and worked itself into has worked us into a nervous tension. Many work continuously, trying to make things more pleasant and comfortable for them in this life, little realizing that we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord Jesus said, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." As we look back at years gone by, and see the change that has been made in every phase of our living, we look above and thank God that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever! We become increasingly aware of what the poet meant when he penned:

*"Change and decay in all around I see;  
Oh, Thou that changest not, abide with me."*

If the past year has meant defeat for you, forget it! Last year is gone; a new year has dawned with new opportunities, a new beginning and the chance to make a fresh start. Forget the past year's trials, temptations, and battles! There's no use to worry over lost opportunities. Let your strength

be renewed; gird yourself for the battle ahead. Certainly, life is a battle. It is impossible to fight a year's battle in one day. We must daily and constantly fight the good fight of faith. Some say, "It's too hard; I can't make it!" We can sing, "Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas? Though the battle may be hard, and the conflict sore, rough and rocky the road we are traveling o'er, HOLD ON A LITTLE LONGER!" Anything that's worth anything is worth fighting for. We are promised the greatest reward that God has! It's worth living for; it's worth fighting for; it's worth dying for! What a wonderful testimony Paul left when he said, "I have fought a good fight." Voltaire, the infidel, coming down to his dying hour, said, "I wish I had never been born." Paul said, "For me to live is Christ." What does it mean for you to be living?

I think of Hananiah, the prophet who rebelled against God. The prophet Jeremiah, led of God, said to Hananiah, "This year thou shalt die." He died the same year in the seventh month. IF YOU KNEW YOU HAD BUT ONE YEAR TO LIVE, HOW WOULD YOU LIVE IT? We never know when we have sung our last song, prayed our last prayer, or preached our last sermon. Let's make every day count for God; then, "when the battle's over, we shall wear a crown."

## The Race and the Prize

By MRS. ALLEN ROARK, Iaeger, West Virginia

Heb. 12:1, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

We are thinking of running a race, and, of course, if we run a race, we shall be thinking of winning a prize. Phil. 3:13, 14, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." It's so sweet and such a glorious consolation to know that some day we, the ones who have endured, shall win our prize. Paul had much more to endure than we do today. "Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in

cold and nakedness," 2 Cor. 11:24-27.

Not everyone that runs will win, because some have on too many weights. We must be sure to have on the proper uniform. Paul tells us to put on the whole armour of God. Eph. 6:14-17, "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." So, Christian friends, let us run with patience, run so that we may obtain; run for the joy that is set before us. Let us keep our eyes on the Goal, which is Jesus. Paul also tells us to press toward the mark, and we who have been in this race know just what it means to press our way in these last and trying days. When we think of Jesus, of all the sufferings He endured, it makes us want to climb a little higher, run a little faster, so we'll be sure to win the prize which is life eternal.

In 2 Tim. 4:6-8, Paul said, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

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# A Rock Foundation

By CHARLES EVANS

Deut. 32:4, "He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he."

Our God is a Rock. The text says, "He is THE Rock," and continues with "His work is perfect." In this day the world needs the Rock. As we look upon its turmoil, strife and war; as we see 'men's hearts failing them for fear'; when on every hand there is mistrust, hatred, envy, plotting, scheming and enmity, we wonder where the world is heading. It needs the Rock. When we look upon the church in its apostasy, bitter arguments, squabbling about this and that, we wonder what our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ thinks about it all; we wonder if His heart is as heavy as ours sometimes get (and we know it must be more so, for He died for the church); we wonder what will be the outcome; we wonder how much longer it will be until He calls His church to Himself; we wonder; and then we realize that the church needs the Rock. We look at the individual Christian, and we see his indifference to the Word of God, his disinterest in the precious promises, his unbelief in what God, through Jesus Christ, has purchased for every one, his inability to appropriate the blessings of the Lord, and we wonder what it is all about. The Christian needs the Rock.

The Psalmist long ago discovered that there was only one salvation in his day, and the troubles were just the same then as now; and there was only one place of safety. It was the Rock. (Psalm 62:2.)

Rock is solid. It cannot be moved. It will endure. It cannot be removed. It is God-given. It will last for eternity. "And that Rock was Christ," 1 Cor. 10:4. Men today are stumbling over the principles of Christian faith. They are thinking it, perhaps, means this or that. They are 'trying to understand'; they are 'trying to believe.' Christian friends, we cannot 'try' to do any such a thing. WE MUST BELIEVE. We must stand on the Rock. "He is the Rock!" "He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved!" We have sickness? We need the Rock. We have trials? We need the Rock. We have burdens? We need the Rock. We need that Rock which was Christ. He is our Saviour, our Deliverer, our Healer, our Baptizer; He is our Rock. Oh, that men and women today would grasp that one fact! What a beautiful, glorious victorious life they would live!

There are only two foundations upon which to build. We are either building upon the Rock, or we are building upon sand. We are building upon Christ, or we are building upon our own hopes, ambitions, and aspirations. (Matt. 7:24-27.) If we are building upon the Rock, then we shall be like those about whom our Lord was tell-



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ing. They were hearers of the Word, but they also performed the Word. They were people, builders upon faith. They read; they believed; they received. We, today, are prone to look and see, but we do not carry out the Word. James says, "Faith without works is dead." What is the good of a dead faith?

Are you sick? Then why not obey God's command and be healed? Why do you call upon the doctor? Will not God perform His part of the promise if you perform yours? Yes, He will, but you haven't trusted Him. Are you

having trials? Are you burdened? Have you brought the matter to the attention of your brothers and sisters in Christ? Have you asked your pastor to help you in prayer? "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." His law is love. How can another pray if you lock your burden in your own heart? You say, "I can pray for myself!" Yes, you can, but you haven't obeyed the Word. Would not God answer if you obeyed His commandments? I am sure He would, but you haven't given Him a chance. You are building upon sand, and not upon the Rock. The Rock is faith. The Rock is help in time of need. The Rock is a bulwark against all the onslaughts of the enemy. When he comes in like a flood, the Lord will raise up an ensign against him. We need the Rock. Our foundation must be the Rock if we are to stand.

The Empire State Building weighs 303,000 tons, but it stands upon rock. Your soul is of infinite more value than many Empire State Buildings, but if it is not standing solidly upon the Rock, it will not stand. If you are not building upon the Rock, you are building upon sand, and when the day of trouble overtakes you, you will have no foundation. Your building will fall, and great will be the fall thereof.

Men today are measuring their standards by yours. If your light has gone out; if the testimony of your life has failed because you have not faith; if men look at you and cannot see that you are building upon the Rock, I wonder what will be the outcome when they stand before God and say, "I followed them."

Christian, fight the good fight. Trim Satan back; make him listen to you. Use the power that is yours. Believe in your Rock. All His work is perfect. Quit trying and take God for what He says. Build upon the Rock and show the world what your Saviour means to you. Then, perhaps, the world will want that Rock, also. Read again Psalm 62; make it your words. Repeat them over and over again. Trust in Him at ALL times.

## PURITY OF HEART

John Wesley says: "The pure in heart are those whose hearts God has purified even as He is pure, who are purified through the blood of Jesus from every unholy affection, who, being cleansed from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfect holiness in the fear of God. They are, through the power of grace, purified from anger, from every unkind or turbulent passion . . . from every desire but to please and to enjoy God."

"Purity of heart means the control of the imagination and the rigorous care of the affections."—B. F. Meyer.

"The pure heart is clear, bright, transparently sincere; it seeks not to deceive. It has no hidden motive, no selfish aims, underlying a fair outside; its aim is to be, not to seem."—Pulpit Commentary.

"Purity of heart consists in that steady direction of the soul toward the

divine life which excludes every other object from the homage of the heart."—Lange.

"The heart must be kept pure from fleshly lusts, all unchaste thoughts and desires, and from worldly lusts; purified by faith."—Matthew Henry.

Heart purity is essential, for an impure heart pollutes the entire flow of the life. He who had leprosy, whatever he touched was unclean. The filthy hand defiles the purest water, and an impure heart defiles prayer no matter how beautiful the language nor how comprehensive the scope.

It is customary to measure a man's purity by the chastity of his speech and by the high ethical standards of his acts, but Christ brushes these aside as useless standards and penetrates the hidden springs of character.

This is not a ceremonial purity, but (Continued on page 15)



# Sound Doctrine

REV. L. W. SISK, Teacher at I.P.I.

Acts 2:42, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayer." First, what should be our attitude toward doctrine? It would be impossible to over-emphasize the necessity and importance of maintaining sound doctrine in the church. The word "doctrine" means "teaching" or "system of teaching." Some have made it mean distinct tenets or articles of faith prescribed to by a particular denomination. However, we are using the word as it pertains to the Church of the Living God, irrespective of denominational boundaries.

To maintain a cold, complacent attitude toward the doctrine of the Church of God is to assist in bringing about a state of deadness, which will lead us into the Laodicean camp. We cannot be unconcerned about what our ministers teach without revealing our lack of understanding as to the tremendous importance of maintaining sound doctrine.

You will notice in the above text that the very first thing mentioned after the church received the mighty endowment of power from on high is the fact that they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine. Luke might have said that they continued to shout and talk in tongues, but the first thing that he wishes to impress on our minds is the fact that they had received the apostles' doctrine and were continuing steadfastly therein. It is true that a beautiful fellowship lingered among them, which fellowship was based upon their unity of faith and their continuance in the truth, without any mixture of error. Genuine Christian fellowship cannot be realized or continued unless it is based upon the unadulterated, inspired Truth. There is nothing more disgusting than a pretended fellowship among Christians who do not agree in their doctrinal positions, except those who say that it does not matter what one believes. Yes, they had fellowship and they continued in prayer, but in all of their spiritual exercises they were continuing steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine.

Secondly, what should be our doctrine? In the great commission, Matthew 28:18-20, we have this statement by the Head of the church, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and

teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." You will notice that the evangelists are to teach, and their teaching is their doctrine. After they have made disciples, they are to teach them all things whatsoever Jesus had commanded, or whatsoever He had taught His disciples. What Jesus taught His disciples was His doctrine, and He gave His doctrine to the apostles and commanded them to teach it to all who were made disciples by the work of missionaries and evangelists. The apostles were not authorized by Jesus to teach anything which He had not taught them. They developed His teachings, but they did not change them or make any of their own. Thus, we are to teach what Christ and His holy apostles taught. We have no divine right or authority to teach anything more, and we cannot afford to teach anything less.

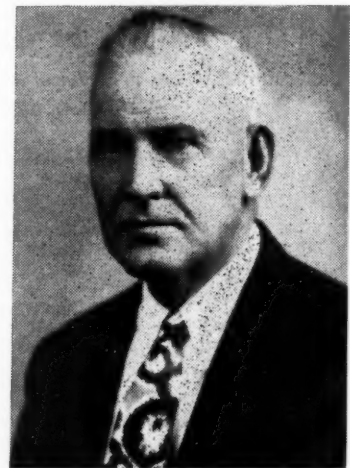
In 2 Timothy 4:1-4 we have this solemn statement of the great apostle Paul, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables." One cannot read this Scripture without experiencing a judgment solemnity. If doctrine is as important as the apostle implies in this exhortation, surely we should give it most earnest and diligent consideration. We should, also, examine very closely every applicant for the ministry before we send him out under the auspices of the Church of God. We must speak only the things which become sound doctrine, Titus 2:1. The superficial claims in the Pentecostal ranks "that we are coming to greater unity and fellowship among the various groups" need only to be closely and honestly examined in order to reveal that they are false. The truth is that when people begin to cool off and drift away from the Bible and its Author, they become very negligent and careless in their handling of the truth. What we often claim for signs of unity are, in reality, signs of our departure from the Truth of almighty God. Those who love the Truth cannot be unconcerned when others are abusing it. The church is built upon the foundation of the "apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ, himself, being the chief cornerstone."

There are certain things we must teach in order to be true to God and maintain the principles upheld by His holy apostles in the New Testament. To fail to do this is to bring deadness and ultimate destruction to the cause

we love. We should not only see that our ministers avoid heresy or false teaching, but we should, also, require them "to earnestly contend for the faith (teaching) once delivered unto the saints," Jude 3.

Thirdly, what are the consequences of neglecting sound doctrine? One would need to examine church history to fully answer this question. There is one thing which stands out conspicuously in the pages of history. When the church drifts from its original standards of faith and practice, all kinds of heresies and false practices are imposed. Every reformer in the history of the church was accused of being an extremist, bigoted and dogmatic. Always, the church paralyzed by false teaching or the lack of true teaching becomes complacent and corrupt. Church of God, the above are a few reminders and warnings that as others have drifted there is quite as possibility, as well as a probability, of our doing the same. Let us lift high the banner of truth. Let us protect our ministry by forbidding them to teach anything contrary to the apostles' doctrine or to fail to preach all that they taught. To neglect a truth, my brethren, is just as bad and destructive as to preach against a truth. Either one must not be tolerated by a church claiming to be apostolic in faith and practice.

## OUR GUEST



Rev. J. A. Self, 713 Grand Central St., Clearwater, Fla.

His testimony is, "I was saved when a boy. Later on I was sanctified, and united with the Missionary Baptist Church. I felt the call to the ministry and was ordained near Blairsville, Ga. After preaching about nine years, in 1910 I came to Florida. Then, in 1912, April 13, I received the Holy Ghost, and in the May camp meeting I united with the Church of God. On the first day of June, 1912, I



received my evangelist license, and on Oct. 28, 1915, I was ordained. Thus I have been preaching, in all, forty-eight years. Some of my most important converts are ministers who are now on the battlefield for my Lord. As to my greatest achievements, in a spiritual sense they are the souls I have won for my Lord, and in a literal sense, the erection of the Wimauma Tabernacle, where so many have found the Lord. I have pastored churches at Parish, Miami, Coconut Grove, Wimauma, Linden, Rock Hill (now known as Brooksville), Miami again, the next five years in overseer work, then to pastor Tampa, Tarpon Springs, Largo, Orlando, Manatee, Clearwater, Lake City, Sarasota, Arcadia, Haines City. I have made the Bible my study for all these years, and I am delighted with its study more and more."

Brother Self was born in Union County, Ga., Sept. 5, 1878. He received his schooling in two counties, Union and Towns. He graduated from high school and attended Young Harris for one term. In 1903, he married Ella Jannet Briant, and to this union were born two children, Victor Leigh and Vesta Lena. His wife died in the early part of 1927, and in the latter part of 1927 he married Delacy Avelyne Culbreath, of West Lake, Fla.

## THE RACE AND THE PRIZE

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henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Let us look forward to His appearing. Let us be faithful to Him, to our church, to our Sunday School, to the calling wherein He has called us, and I am sure we shall be given a crown of righteousness.

## PURITY OF HEART

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the heart is cleansed from the dark passions of greed, selfish ambition, and personal advantage. He whose soul is not delivered from all of these dark passions through the blood of Christ can have no scriptural hope of ever seeing God.

An Australian minister (Rev. Henry Howard) was writing a sermon on this Beatitude, when he stopped and asked himself, "What has the heart to do with seeing?"

He went to the telephone and rang up a doctor.

"Is there any disease of the heart that affects the eyes?" he asked.

"Oh, certainly," came the reply. "We call it 'a dirty heart.' It is a disease in which ulcers form on the inner walls

of the heart. There is no pain in the heart, but the blood vessels of the eyes are affected. The eyes become blood-shot, and if not cured the vessels burst and the man becomes blind."

A clean heart . . . a clear vision!  
"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart."—Wesleyan Methodist.

## OBITUARIES

### STUMP

Thurman Stump, a member of the Church of God at Jamboree, Ky., departed this life to be with Jesus Oct. 18, 1951. We have lost one of our most loved members; he was loved by all who knew him. He lived a godly, clean, wholly consecrated life to God. He is survived by his wife, a baby, his mother and father, 2 brothers, and 5 sisters. We are looking forward to meeting Brother Thurman some day where there will be no more parting.  
—O. A. Stump, Pastor.

### BURNETTE

Sister Creola Frances Burnette, age 59, went to be with Jesus Nov. 5, 1951. She was the wife of the late Rev. W. M. Burnette, who went to be with Jesus May 20, 1932. Sister Burnette was a faithful member of the Church of God in East Belmont, N. C. Her funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. T. Ogden, and Rev. Clifford Jinkerson, of Rock Hill, S. C.  
—Church Clerk.

### EALY

Mrs. Minnie F. Ealy, wife of Harry Ealy, of Claysville, Pa., died Nov. 30, 1951, of an illness of a few weeks. She was a member of the Church of God in Washington, Pa., for many years. She was faithful until death and trusted God all through her sickness. She will be missed by all who knew her. She leaves her husband, one son, and 5 daughters. We all know that our loss is heaven's gain.—Dad and children.

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

### PRAY FOR:

John Davis, of Homerville, Ga., to be saved and healed of cancer of the nose; my daughter; me to be completely healed of nervousness.—Mrs. M. Tillman, Jacksonville, Fla.

The Lord to heal my eyes.—F. E. Newby, Tampa, Fla.

A young man to be delivered from the drink habit.—Mrs. F. J. Rudesill, Osceola, Ark.  
The healing of my body.—Bertie B. Eller, Titus, Ga.

## THE YEARS

*They come to us in lovely bloom  
Across the trackless sea;  
They come with sunshine, snow,  
and rain,  
With pale blue skies without a stain,  
With days of sorrow, toil and pain,  
They come and go, and come again—  
They come, O Lord, from thee.*

*They come in their appointed way  
Unheralded, uncalled;  
And travel at a rapid pace,  
Yet as they go they leave a trace  
Of God's eternal touch of grace,  
In many homes a vacant place—  
With broken hearts appalled.*

*O golden years of grief and joy,  
Ye come and go at will;  
There's naught to stop you on your way,  
Ye come and haunt us every day.  
Ye come and go, yet with us stay,  
No matter what we do or say—  
Ye come and go at will.*

*Ye come across the trackless sea,  
Ye silent years of peace;  
From some mysterious distant land,  
Led by God's loving, guiding hand,  
Ye come, a mighty strenuous band,  
To tell us some day we shall stand—  
Where years forever cease.*  
—Alfred Barratt.

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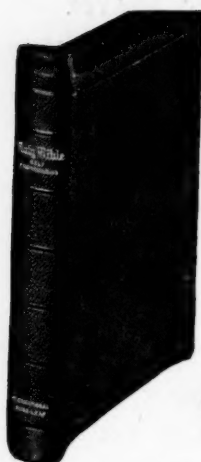
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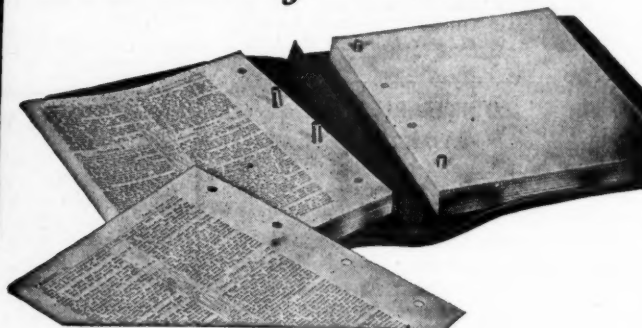
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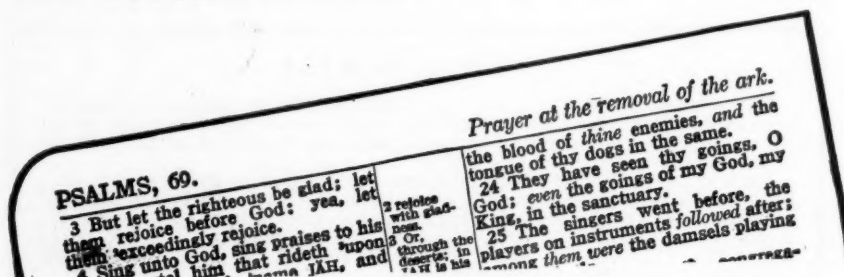


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